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VEISHEA

Ames police shut down block party

By Addie.Olson @iowastatedaily.com

For more than 3,000 students and guests that RSVPed on a Facebook event page, a day of jello wrestling, beer pong and live bands seemed like the perfect way to celebrate VEISHEA, but Ames city officials did not agree.

“Hunt Street VEISHEA Block Party” has been popping up on newsfeeds for more than a week, and gained the attention of at least 3,260 partiers who confirmed on Facebook that they would be attending the event.

“It was supposed to be a block party where you could just sort of roam from house to house,” said Adam Hinners, senior in liberal studies and Hunt Street resident.

But as the number of confirmed guests increased, more and more events were suggested for the party that was set to take place Friday afternoon and continue on through the weekend.

The Facebook page gained the attention of students by advertising kegs, flip cup, beer pong, goldfish races, coolers, grills, live bands, fires, bags, beersbee, disc jockeys, jello wres-

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Diversity mission

Statement aims to enhance ISU campus climate

By Alli.Kolick @iowastatedaily.com

President Gregory Geoffroy approved a new diversity mission statement drafted by the Diversity Committee.

The new statement created is a combination of the two classic styles that most universities use: a list of the different types of diversity and a comprehensive meaning of diversity.

Dawn Bratsch-Prince, associate provost for academic personnel chief diversity officer, was involved in getting the new diversity statement approved.

“The previous statement gave more of a list of the diversity categories,” Bratsch-Prince said. “But our committee felt that they wanted to talk about diversity in a broader perspective, more as an attitude and an action.”

Bratsch-Prince said that members of the committee didn’t want to focus on defining diversity because once they defined it, they felt as if they were limiting what diversity truly meant.

When looking at the new statement, it is a strong combination of both definition and an attitude of diversity as the first paragraph does

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Human rights

Sri Lankan journalist shares story

By Kaleb.Warnock @iowastatedaily.com

Editor’s Note

This is the third in a three-part series about Sri Lanka and its government’s treatment of media. Part one discussed the torture Poddala Jayantha, a Sri Lankan journalist, endured. Part three shares the perspective of a Sri Lankan journalist.

He has deep brown eyes, a thick black beard and dark skin flecked with white blotches caused by acid when it is poured on human skin. He sat up in his chair and spoke softly in Sinhalese that was, in turn, interpreted by his colleague, Sanath de Silva.

His name is Poddala Jayantha. He is a Sri Lankan journalist who was tortured, beaten and nearly killed because he spoke against his government and claimed to be fighting for freedom of expression and human rights.

He sat down with the Iowa State Daily following his lecture for a brief question and answer session.

Why did you become an investigative journalist?

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Leadership



Emily Wade, senior in speech communication, recently won the Order of Omega outstanding senior and “Live Your Values” award. Photo: Karuna Ang/Iowa State Daily

Senior leader stands out

Emily Wade recently won outstanding greek awards

By Alayna.Flor @iowastatedaily.com

It builds up to something bigger. That’s how any leadership role is, said Emily Wade, senior in speech communications.

And Wade would know. She’s served as the director of the ISU Blood Drive, president of Alpha Chi Omega sorority, member of Rho Lambda National Sorority Leadership Recognition Society and member of Golden Key Honor Society, Public Relations Student Society of America and ISU Communications Club.

And people working with her were watching.

Wade was given two awards April 4 at Vespers, the greek community’s annual awards ceremony. Wade received the Order of Omega outstanding senior award, as well as the Live Your Values senior award.

“Both awards look back at what’s been accomplished at Iowa State, based on leadership, academics, greek community involvement and community service,” Wade said.

Several individuals Wade worked with personally believed she was more than qualified for the awards.

“Emily is completely on top of things, beyond that, ahead of things,” said Jay Newell, associate professor in the Greenlee School of Journalism and Mass Communication. “As my teacher’s assistant, I see her work very well with students. She is sensitive to the needs of others. Emily is masterful at juggling many different things, especially with her courses, jobs and makes a good showing on public services.”

But Wade didn’t participate in leadership positions to get noticed.

“The more things you’re involved with, the more people you meet,” Wade said. “I think coming from Illinois to Iowa State, I wanted to meet as many people as possible and also to gain experiences.”

“From being so involved, you can learn a lot about yourself. From taking on the role of president [of Alpha Chi Omega], I learned how to stand up for myself and delegate. I have learned

what I like and don’t like, and what I want to do with my life.”

Wade became involved on campus right away when she came to Iowa State. After going through formal recruitment and joining the Alpha Chi Omega sorority, she took on leadership roles within her chapter.

“At the very first chapter meeting there were open leadership positions and one of the upper-classman nominated me,” Wade said. “I said, sure, and it built from there. Then I was house manager and soon president.”

Wade also took on critical roles in the ISU Blood Drive. She has been on multiple committees, such as public relations and academics and became director her senior year.

Ashley Olberding, junior in apparel merchandising, design and production, has worked with Wade at the ISU Blood Drive and is also a member of Alpha Chi Omega.

“Emily has inspired me to get involved and push to experience new things,” Olberding said. “She is always honest and is one of the nicest people I’ve met. She is truly one of my biggest

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National Student Employment Week

Financial aid office hosts open house

By Brandon.Hallmark @iowastatedaily.com

Breakfast on the Go was the theme of this year’s National Student Employment Week, and true to the theme, breakfast foods ranging from breakfast bars to doughnuts awaited student employees who passed through Beardshear Hall.

National Student Employment Week was hosted by the Office of Student Financial Aid.

Students who went to the open house could put their names in for prizes ranging from a free one night stay in a hotel to T-shirts and water bottles.

“We celebrate National Student Employment Week every year,” said Ann Wessman, assistant director of student financial aid. “It’s a national event that’s going on sometime during this week on campuses throughout the nation.”

The purpose of National Student Employment Week is to recognize student employees.

“It’s not easy to be a student and an employee,” said David Cossa, senior in management information systems.

“It’s nice that the university is giving back to employees that make this place run,” said Troy Mangrich, senior in mechanical engineering.

Jason Bergman, junior in materials engineering agreed, “It’s nice that the university gives back. We put in our time so it’s nice that they show appreciation for that,” Bergman said.

The food and prizes were donated by local businesses.



Luke Bruck, graduate in public admissions, signs up for door prizes during the open house for National Student Employment Week on Wednesday at Beardshear Hall. Photo: Huiling Wu/Iowa State Daily.

Employment Week

The National Student Employment Association encourages National Student Employment week for colleges and universities. Each year colleges and universities across the country recognize the importance of the student work experience. Many students have to work in order to pay for school.

nated by local businesses.

“We’ve got lots of involvement from the community,” Wessman said. “Lots of businesses have donated prizes.”



Korie Lown and Katie Paige, both seniors in dietetics, pick up free breakfast during the open house of National Student Employment Week on Wednesday at Beardshear Hall. Photo: Huiling Wu/Iowa State Daily.



Weather | Provided by ISU Meteorology Club

Thu  
44|60

Fri  
33|45

Sat  
31|46

Midwest weather history:  
A devastating tornado cut a 20-mile path through Saint Cloud, Minn., killing 74 persons. The bottom of the Mississippi River was said to have been seen during the tornado's crossing.

Calendar

Find out what's going on, and share your event with the rest of campus on our website, at [iowastatedaily.com](http://iowastatedaily.com).

THURSDAY

Softball  
**When:** 4 p.m.  
**What:** Iowa State vs. Drake.  
**Where:** Southwest Athletics Complex

THURSDAY

Battle of the Bands  
**When:** 7 p.m.  
**What:** Two bands will be selected to perform on the big stage.  
**Where:** Maintenance Shop, Memorial Union



FRIDAY

Live @ VEISHEA concert  
**When:** 6 p.m. to 2 a.m.  
**What:** Big Boi, Cloud Cult, Love and Theft, Jon McLaughlin and others.  
**Where:** Molecular Biology parking lot

FRIDAY

Dance social  
**When:** 7:30 to 9:45 p.m.  
**What:** Free dance social hosted by the ISU Ballroom Dance Club. Singles welcome. Dress is casual.  
**Where:** 196 Forker

FRIDAY

Stars Over VEISHEA  
**When:** 7:30 p.m.  
**What:** "Kiss Me, Kate"  
**Where:** Fisher Theater

Daily Snapshot



FLASH MOB: Dancing next to a milkshake

Members of the Flash Mob Club danced Wednesday in front of the steps of Curtiss Hall. Photo: Huiling Wu/Iowa State Daily.

TV Schedule

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THURSDAY

NewsWatch 7 p.m. ISUtv  
Dirty Laundry 8 p.m. ISUtv  
Life 9 p.m. BET  
The Bear Whisperer 10 p.m. Animal Planet  
London 10:15 p.m. IFC

FRIDAY

Killer Outbreaks 9 p.m. Animal Planet  
Friday Night Fights 9 p.m. ESPN2  
The Thing 9:45 p.m. Encore  
Super High Me 10 p.m. G4TV  
50 First Dates 10 p.m. TBS

SATURDAY

Se7en 8 p.m. AMC  
God vs. Satan 8 p.m. History  
A Few Good Men 8:45 p.m. CMT  
Parking Wars 10 p.m. A&E  
My Ghost Story 10 p.m. BIO

Police Blotter:

Ames, ISU Police Departments  
The information in the log comes from the ISU and City of Ames police departments' records. All those accused of violating the law are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Apr. 8

Melissa Wooster, 33, no address, was arrested and charged with violation of a no contact order and two counts of probation violation. (reported at 8:13 p.m.)  
A vehicle was towed after it was determined the driver had no proof of insurance or registration. (reported at 8:36 p.m.)  
Daniel Donatucci, 22, of Rockford, Ill., was arrested and charged with providing alcohol to persons under 21. (reported at 9:20 p.m.)  
A pellet gun was seized from several people. (reported at 11:33 p.m.)  
Garrett Glick, 19, 1121 Delaware Ave., was arrested and charged with operating while intoxicated. (reported at 11:50 p.m.)

Apr. 9

Kevin Swearngin, 24, 2 M Ave. unit 3A, was arrested and charged with public intoxication (third offense). (reported at 12:07 a.m.)  
Brady Harmelink, 19, 2255 Welch Cassell, was arrested and charged with public intoxication. (reported at 12:30 a.m.)  
Dongjie Li, 22, 1425 Coconino Road unit 108, was arrested and charged with driving under suspension. He was subsequently released on citation. (reported at 12:55 a.m.)  
Theodore Giles, 19, 1430 Sheldon Ave. unit 6, was arrested and charged with public intoxication. (reported at 1:17 a.m.)  
Joshua Scott, 32, 5615 W. Lincoln Way unit 18, was arrested and charged with no

drivers license. (reported at 1:17 a.m.)  
Richard Montanaro, 28, 310 Franklin Ave., was arrested and charged with public intoxication. (reported at 1:30 a.m.)  
Micah Hall, 28, 4611 Mortensen Road unit 309, was arrested and charged with public intoxication. He was subsequently released on citation and transported to Mary Greeley Medical Center for treatment. (reported at 1:37 a.m.)  
Kurt Dunham, 23, of Grinnell, was arrested and charged with operating while intoxicated. (reported at 1:50 a.m.)  
Lucas Olson, 20, 4912 Mortensen Road unit 832, was arrested and charged with interference with official acts (simple) and public consumption. (reported at 2:05 a.m.)

Celebrity News  
Notes and events.

Natalie Portman bids farewell to veganism

A pregnant Natalie Portman has decided to give up being vegan so she can nosh on the food she really wants.  
"I actually went back to being vegetarian when I became pregnant, just because I felt like I wanted that stuff," she recently said on Atlanta's Q100 Bert Show. "I was listening to my body to have eggs and dairy and that sort of thing."  
The 29-year-old Oscar winner became a vegan after picking up a copy of Jonathan Safran Foer's "Eating Animals," but now that she's got a baby on board, Portman says being a vegetarian is a better fit.  
"I know there are people who do stay vegan, and I think you have to just be careful, you have to watch your iron levels and your B12 levels and supplement that if there are things you might be low in in your diet," she said.

Toni's 'Braxton agrees to take part in reality show

It took some persuading to get Toni Braxton to agree to do a reality show.  
"My sisters asked me to do this show in 2008 and I said yes, but then I reneged and said 'No, I'm not doing it, I'm not doing it,'" Braxton said during a recent press event.  
The singer best known for hits like "Breathe Again" and "Un-Break My Heart" eventually relented, and the result is her new reality series "Braxton Family Values."  
The show features Braxton in her role as the eldest sister to siblings Trina, Tamar, Traci and Towanda, and as a single mother of two sons. There is plenty of drama among the sisters, who at one time all performed as a group.

Adele: I don't have time to worry about weight

As image-driven as the entertainment business can be, Brit singer Adele says in the new issue of Rolling Stone that she'd rather keep the attention on her music.  
While she has no problem with other artists showing off their style or physique, you won't find the "Rolling in the Deep" songstress stripping down anytime soon.  
"I love seeing Lady Gaga's boobs and bum. I love seeing Katy Perry's boobs and bum. Love it," Adele said. "But that's not what my music is about. I don't make music for eyes. I make music for ears."  
Besides, she says, focusing on her looks or fluctuating weight isn't really her thing, anyway.  
"My life is full of drama and I won't have time to worry about something as petty as what I look like," she said to Rolling Stone. "I don't like going to the gym. I like eating fine foods and drinking nice wine. Even if I had a really good figure, I don't think I'd get my [T&A] out for no one."

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PERIODICALS POSTAGE







**CAR ACCIDENT:** Student drives vehicle into light pole

Tian Luan, freshman in engineering, was driving when he collided with a light pole Tuesday located at Osborne Drive and Wallace Road. Luan was cited with a failure to maintain control, according to the ISU Police report. Photo: Logan Gaedke/Iowa State Daily

**Landscape architecture**

Student society creates green roof

By Elisse.Lorenc  
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As an attempt for the Students Society of Landscape Architecture to recruit students for its academic department, the organization decided to do something visual for VEISHEA.

Placed in front of the College of Design, SSLA spent 6 months planning and constructing a display to demonstrate the uses of green roofs.

The idea came when Jessica Teskey, president of SSLA and senior in landscape architecture, attended a class where Jennifer Boussetot, lecturer in horticulture, gave a presentation about green roofs. Allie Loecke, student representative for the American Society of Landscape Architects and senior in landscape architecture, also attended and gained interest.

"We thought it would be a really interesting thing for us as a club to build, and so we got in touch with [Boussetot]," Teskey said. "We've been getting in contact with a bunch of different companies to help provide the plant material, it's been a really long process but we're really proud of how it's turned out."

The display has three miniature roofs or modules to it, each displaying a different type of green roof.

"When Jen came to talk to us, she described the different types of green roofs," Loecke said.

Intensive green roofs are a thicker green roof in which heavier plant materials such as trees and shrubs can be



Members of the Student Society of Landscape Architects explain design elements of their model green roof Monday in front of the College of Design. Photo:Tom Fraser/Iowa State Daily

planted with a thicker soil content.

An extensive green roof is basically just sedum modules, like the plants seen on top of the King Pavilion. Those are two to three inches minimum, and up to six inches deep, Loecke said.

"We thought it was important to show both green roofs in our display and the design came about where we would have the intensive green roof and extensive green roof and then something a little bit smaller as an extensive green roof," Loecke said.

Loecke said green roofs have many benefits. They help collect storm water, preventing run-off, they prevent roofs from overheating, otherwise known as the heat island effect, their longevity beats ordinary roofs and the green roofs themselves provide habitats for birds and

other animals.

The group hopes to grab students' attention at VEISHEA, but also alumni to get the word out about green roofs, answering student questions and demonstrating the uses of a green roof.

"The other audience that they'd like to attract are the alumni who are coming back for VEISHEA," Boussetot said. "They want them to understand that Iowa State and especially the landscape architecture students are interested in looking at green building designs."

Teskey said she hopes the display will help promote SSLA and interest students about landscape architecture.

"We also wanted to promote our SSLA, so often we're

just pushed underneath the wing of architects or lost in the college of design," she said. "We really wanted to come out and say we're our own major."

SSLA wants to keep the display up until graduation since most of its members are graduating. Once the display is deconstructed, the group has plans of what to do. The group is working with CyRide to implement some of the modules for a bus stop.

"We're in the very early stages of talking to CyRide to offer a living on project," Loecke said. "What we've proposed to them is to take one of the existing CyRide bus stops and to place a couple of the modules on top of the CyRide bus stop."

**Student Activities Center**

Awards ceremony honors outstanding student, faculty

By Briana.Haguewood  
[@iowastatedaily.com](#)

VEISHEA 2011 and the Student Activities Center had a recognition ceremony Tuesday to honor Iowa State's outstanding leaders, faculty and organizations.

The awards were given to acknowledge the achievements of individuals nominated because of their positive impact on the ISU community.

"We have so many students and organizations that are doing great things all the time. We wanted to find a way to highlight some who have gone above and beyond," said George Micalone, director of Student Activities and assistant director of the Memorial Union, about the awards.

"We have somewhere around 800 student organizations. We wanted to recognize those that really impact the Iowa State community," said Amanda Martin, graduate in educational leadership and policy studies and graduate assistant for the Student Activities Center.

Martin said the Student Activities Center is hoping to continue expanding the recognition event. This is the second year the awards ceremony has been in place to reward outstanding individuals and organizations at Iowa State during VEISHEA.

Two student leaders were recognized for their hard work and the impact of their actions: Andrew Pringnitz, senior in agricultural business, and Brian Capesius, senior in mechanical engineering.

Jennifer Nissen, graduate in educational leadership and policy studies and coordinator of leadership and service for the Student Activities Center, and Laurie Fiegel, program manager for the University Honors Program, were also recognized for their accomplishments.

"There are a lot of people on campus who do really great things without the intention of being recognized. For that reason alone is why we started this event last year," said Dean Choi, VEISHEA special events chairman and sophomore in economics.

Katherine Ament, graduate in materials science and engineering, was recognized with the Outstanding Student Leader of the Year Award.

Her nominator, Casey Fangmann, junior in industrial engineering, said, "I don't

know if I have ever seen anyone as motivated to help students reach their goals in a group as I have seen in her."

Thomas Hill, vice president of Student Affairs, said during his presentation of the awards to student leaders, "We will watch proudly as they make their marks on the world." Recipients' names for the Student Activities Center awards will be added to plaques located in the West Lobby of the Memorial Union.

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\$2.25 Spiced Rum and Pepsi

(9pm-1am)

Karaoke (9pm-1am)

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(7pm-10pm)

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2fer Wells (9pm-1am)

2fer Pork Tenderloins\*

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Editorial

Be safe, don't hinder the celebration

For some, VEISHEA means a week of something more to do than your average Ames week; where family and friends come to visit and the entire city enjoys celebrities, competitions, food stuffs of many fatty varieties and a parade.

For many others — mostly college students — VEISHEA means a week of partying like rockstars in order to transition from a semester of mostly winter into the coming summer fun.

With this increase in outside accommodations, the partying tends to involve copious consumption of alcohol over periods of time longer than the average evening out; compounded by multiple days of the same.

You've all heard the advice: Drink responsibly. But do you really understand the underlying message?

We all know pounding booze for too long can lead to health issues or at the least a prayer session to the porcelain god.

But do you realize the police warnings and cautions are not just the cops being out to get you and cramp your party style?

The increased security presence across Ames is there to maintain safety and attempt to keep folks unwilling to drink responsibly from injuring themselves or others.

This means your odds of public intoxication tickets goes up. This means your chances of being busted for underage possession or consumption goes up — bad underage kids, VEISHEA does not mean the legal age at bars goes away. This means the likelihood of noise complaints and raids for your party goes way up.

And what this certainly means is that when you do go out to celebrate, be it day or night, you need to understand that your composure should reflect the increased security presence.

Your want to replicate the wild scenes of debauchery viewed on your favorite TV show during your bar hopping or house partying will likely result in a YouTube video of you and yours receiving interlocking steel charm bracelets and a free ride to a holding cell in Nevada, Iowa.

Parties need to be kept under control. Having hundreds of people stumbling around your yard or in and out of you and your neighbor's apartments is not the type of partying police or those responsible for the upkeep of VEISHEA are advising.

If you are going to have people over, make sure you keep things under control. Want to grill out? Do it. Want to play bags, flippy cup or beer pong? Do it. Just make certain your numbers of friends over are not turning into a number of people you've never met that have little to no respect for your property.

VEISHEA is a time to meet new people, so be social and have a good time. Remember though, that being social doesn't mean you need to be as trashed as Charlie Sheen or turn your home into a Playboy Pajama Party.

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Stereotypes



Matt Wznick, from Dickinson State University in North Dakota, ties down a calf in the tie-down roping competition during the Cyclone Stampede Rodeo on Oct. 1, 2010, at the Iowa State Rodeo Arena. File photo: Kelsey Kremer/Iowa State Daily

Country life, rodeos rock

By Sarah.Tisinger@iowastatedaily.com

Expand your horizons, explore different styles

This weekend is going to be an exciting, if long and sleepless one. Like most students, I am amped for VEISHEA. Not just for cherry pies and campaniling, but for my participation in VEISHEA Village and the parade through the ISU Rodeo Club.

Yes, that's right. The rodeo club. We've held a rodeo on campus for 48 years running. The event costs more than \$30,000 to put on, and is largely funded by the Government of the Student Body.

And yet, "We have a rodeo club? What do you do?" is a common question in my life. It gives me an opportunity to educate people, which I am most happy to do, but people still have misconceptions about the differences between rodeo, country and farming people.

Our parade participation includes a carriage pulled by a club members Belgian team, a few rodeo riders, rodeo clowns and both Adrienne Kaiser, ISU Rodeo Queen, and Heidi Gansen, Miss Rodeo Iowa. Both queens are ISU students.

Gansen, who has previously held the title of ISU Rodeo Queen, is someone I've always looked up to. She has a country attitude, a rodeo spirit and gets along with anyone and everyone. It's a balance I've found hard to handle.

From my experience, many ISU students seem to find a country or farmer's life an aberration of normal human life. There are tons of stereotypes and generalizations that I find extremely ignorant and tiring to deal with.

I am a journalism major and enjoy the life, but I also love training my horse and my involvement with the rodeo club. In fact, the rodeo club is where I met the majority of my college friends. Some of them even worked at the ISU Horse Barns shoveling manure and breeding studs for an honest living.

And yes, we do wear cowboy hats and boots.

Sure as hell works better than a baseball hat and sneakers. Most of the time you can even spot a Cyclone Stampede committee belt buckle.

We gather at Outlaws for mug night and make no mistake, I'm always out on the floor for "Boot Scootin' Boogie" and "Takin' Care of Business." And damn straight, I wear my boots right out on that dance floor, too.

It's often difficult for me to talk to some of my classmates about living a country life. Especially when said classmate fake tans, wears designer clothes and has never had to clean a stud's penis before breeding him to a mare.

It's OK with me if we don't always see eye to eye, but when the generalizations and the stereotypes start, well, I see those as just plain fighting words. Let's get one thing straight, Iowa State, I am a horse person. I enjoy country music, hanging out at the dusty horse barns and attending rodeos. Farmers farm land for crops or raise animals.

"Hick" and "redneck" are slang terms for those "located in a rural or culturally unsophisticated area." Country people live past city limits and live life accordingly. That doesn't mean on occasion they won't intermix, but if you're going to label me, at least get it right.

Does it piss me off that Ethos claimed taking a date to Outlaws is something not to do? No, I just think whoever wrote it probably doesn't like being loud, being proud and not caring what other people think of them. Plus, not all country or farmer people even go to Outlaws.

Kelly Sebetka, junior in English, has worked at the ISU Horse Barns and rodeos occasionally. Like me, she doesn't see herself falling under a particular category.

"I guess I don't see myself as a country girl or farmer because my family doesn't farm. We just happen to live in the country so that we can have horses," Sebetka said. "Yes, there is a difference between owning horses and being

involved in agriculture, which is something a surprising amount of people don't realize."

Sebetka has been studying abroad during the spring semester and claims even an Irish student laughed at her for owning horses. It's not just an American problem, apparently.

"But I do think coming from an agricultural background is something to be proud of. It's a lifestyle that takes an enormous amount of work and dedication," Sebetka said. "Farmers produce something everyone benefits from food. So there's really nothing to not be proud of."

Lisa Yeske, senior in animal science, agrees. Yeske will be attending ISU's College of Veterinary Medicine in the fall.

"I would consider myself a country person and I definitely am proud of it," Yeske said. "It says hard work and dedication to the land as well and remembering the past that worked so hard to get to where we are today."

"Back at the turn of the century, there were more farmers than city dwellers, and now it is completely opposite. So it gets easy [for people] to forget how easy life has become."

If it's an important life, then why do people generalize the ag/country community?

"You're talking to the girl that goes to the gym in knee high socks and cowboy boots," Yeske said. "There is a little different approach to you when you have a big belt buckle and boots, but I think most know better than to actually say anything because they know we can take them down; hauling hay makes one strong after all."

"I think that there are a decent number of stereotypes, but I don't know if they are all bad. One of the worst is that country people are slower in the head, which is completely false and that irritates me," she said.

I realize most generalizations and stereotypes stem from ignorance, so if you're up to it, stop by our booth Saturday and we'll teach you how to rope. Maybe you'll even learn something about the culture.





Politics

Letter response: Our budgetary choices are not binary

By [Cameron.Leehey@iowastatedaily.com](#)

This column is a response to the April 11 letter to the editor, “Our generation’s choice of two futures,” written by the College Republican chairpersons of Iowa State, University of Iowa and University of Northern Iowa.

In their letter, the College Republican chairpersons have propounded that Rep. Paul Ryan’s “Path to Prosperity” is the only alternative the American people have to a lack of economic viability past the year 2038. They characterize this decision as strictly binary: between Ryan’s plan and certain economic failure.

They write, “Fiscal policy should not be a partisan issue,” and then proceed to make the claim that “the Democratic political machine would like to fear-monger you to believe that any substantive reforms will eliminate access to affordable health care.”

Let me begin by saying that there are not just two possible economic plans for the federal government; the number of options approaches infinity, and many of them still result in the net savings offered by the so-called “Path to Prosperity.”

Here are just a few examples: defense spending could be cut, the Bush-era tax breaks could be allowed to expire or the Capital Gains and/or Estate taxes could be raised to their previous levels.

Any one of these things would contribute massively toward paying down the national debt, and Ryan addresses none of them.

Are those ideas controversial? Of course they are, but that should not preclude a person such as Ryan — who has publicly

mounted a political cross — from considering them.

He has already advocated crippling blows to Medicaid and Social Security, loudly acknowledging that by doing so he has opened himself up to attacks from Democrats “for years to come.”

The College Republican chairpersons even go far as to liken Ryan’s proposal to “political suicide.” Surely then, a rational person, unconcerned with being re-elected, would consider additional avenues of fiscal policy regardless of controversy.

Assuming the College Republican chairpersons are rational, and given their stated belief that “fiscal policy should not be a partisan issue,” hypocrisy becomes obvious.

Ryan’s plan is partisan on its face; e.g. while calling for a net savings, the so-called “Path to Prosperity” advocates lowering the corporate tax rate from 35 to 25 percent.

But who knows, maybe Ryan is on to something; maybe some or all of his ideas are in the best interest of the American people. It is certainly worth knowing, but the only way to find out is to weigh all of the options before us, and there are far more than two.

This is the problem I have with the rhetoric of Ryan’s message and with the College Republican chairpersons’ irresponsible regurgitation of it: By making the false claim that alternatives do not exist, they are attempting to prevent meaningful public debates on the budget from ever taking place.

But it gets worse: the College Republican chairpersons utterly

vilify Democrats, saying that they “want to continue America’s plunge into insurmountable debt.”

Really?

Listen, you do not have to like Democrats, but you would have to be a fool to swallow this kind of garbage.

It is not the intent of Democrats to destroy America; in fact, they intend just the opposite. There is nothing wrong with questioning the wisdom of Democrat leadership — to do so is quintessentially American — but to pretend as though they are intending evil upon us is as absurd as it is childish.

I am not writing this to attack Republicans or defend Democrats.

What I want, what I desperately long for, is honest public discourse; if not in Washington, then at least between citizens. I believe that the parties each represent essential interests in our republic, and that the balance of those interests ought to be carefully weighed where everyone can see.

The College Republican chairpersons seem to want a single-party government, in which policy is framed in terms of absolutes.

Even if you agree with every aspect of Ryan’s “Path to Prosperity,” even if you think he’s the second coming, I implore you: Do not fall for traps such as the one laid by the College Republican chairpersons April 11.

Do not let other people do your thinking for you; such people are unlikely to have your best interests at heart.

Christianity

Theories, equations about the end of the world don’t add up

By [Clare.Schwager@iowastatedaily.com](#)

Doomsday – it’s one of those topics that Hollywood producers and get-rich-quick authors have latched onto recently, at least in the apocalyptic sense, if not always religious.

Of course, the end of life as we know it has always been a popular subject. But it seems to me as if every other movie being made these days is about the imminent destruction of earth via aliens, zombies, global warming, you name it.

In the midst of watching an old episode of “Lost,” I read an article in the Des Moines Register citing May 21 as the end of the world.

Forget 2012. The leader of the movement, Harold Camping, claims to have extracted signs and codes from the Bible that point toward this date. The first instinct most people have when confronted with this view is to either laugh, sneer or brush off such beliefs as Christianity at its most fanatical. While I can’t agree with Camping or the other believers, I do think they deserve a certain amount of recognition.

As a Christian myself, I believe Jesus will return someday and the world will never be the same. Those spreading the message of imminent disaster are actually kind of inspiring. Here are a bunch of people so committed to their beliefs that they are willing to brave

ridicule and scorn in order to save souls. That’s what the end of the world is all about for Christians: returning to our faith, casting off the earthly temptations that weigh us down, living life like we might die tomorrow.

However, that being said, the Bible does tell us that no one knows when the Lord will return. The believers who warn of the end, or the Rapture, have good intentions. People should be prepared to die tomorrow, but that doesn’t mean we ought to live in fear of death.

What these people are trying to say is that we need to assess our spiritual health and make adjustments. And this is a valid judgement, for Christians and non-Christians alike. Our world isn’t in the best of shape right now, and it could only improve if hundreds of thousands of individuals contemplated the state of their souls. Just think of the changes we would see.

So yes, I respect these preachers of the end times and the Rapture. I simply disagree with their date. If we are to go by what the Bible states, then we should not ignore the admonition that nobody can name the time of Christ’s second coming. We can certainly guess, but we have no powers beyond that, as mortals.

“For you yourselves know that the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night” [1 Thessalonians 5:2], “but of that day and hour

no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone” [Matthew 24:36]. These passages directly disprove Camping’s assertions that the world will end May 21. Working out complex mathematical sums will not yield answers to the mystery of the son of

God’s return. It simply doesn’t work that way. And while doomsday themes might make for intriguing movies and best-selling novels, they are but guesses at a future no one can imagine. It’s as baffling as “Lost,” and in the end we all die. If we’re lucky, we see the light.

Letters

Enjoy VEISHEA responsibly

Ev Cherrington is an Ames resident.

Last week I was in Hy-Vee West when a 20-something came to the clerk to purchase three very large bottles of vodka and a like size of whiskey.

I inquired as to his purpose and he said, “I’m getting ready for VEISHEA next week.”

I told him that was a shame then walked away.

Now is the phrase “drink responsibly” on his mind?

I hope so.

And to you hundreds of partiers out there, the same statement should ring loudly in your ears, please.

Do recall last year when some people were not being responsible and a young lady named Raven wandered away, under the influence, and died when hit by a train.

My hope and prayer is that some or most of you will decide to have a sober VEISHEA. But do have fun.

Defund the Mexican cartels

Kirk Muse is a Mesa, Ariz. resident.

Regarding your thoughtful editorial: “Mexico’s cartels should be treated the same as terrorists organizations” (4-12-11).

I submit that it is high time to defund the Mexican drug cartels and thus put them out of business the same way we defunded the alcohol

cartels and thus put them out of business in 1933.

All other efforts are a complete waste of time, money and lives.

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Football

# Big 12 announces 13-year TV deal with Fox

*Network agrees to show 40 football games annually*

Wednesday, the Big 12 Conference announced a new 13-year, multi-million dollar television contract with Fox Sports to broadcast 40 football games each season.

The deal, which Big 12 commissioner Dan Beebe called a “landmark agreement,” will take effect in 2012 and will be worth more than four times what the conference’s current deal is worth.

“This is a clear demonstration of what we’ve been saying all along: We have a clear, bright future,” Beebe said.

“These 10 institutions are excited about what we have going forward.”

Beebe also said that, with the agreement, now each of the conference’s football games will be distributed, either through this deal or through existing deals with ABC, ESPN or school-specific contracts.

ABC still retains rights to select 18 football games for broadcast, leaving the remaining games for Fox’s cable distribution.

ISU Athletic Director Jamie Pollard released a statement along with university President Gregory Geoffroy and football coach Paul Rhoads, commenting on the deal’s reported worth of \$90 million.

“The finalization of this contract provides

our athletics program much-needed long-term financial security,” Pollard said in the statement.

“Additionally, there is tremendous potential for additional revenue growth when the Big 12’s over-the-air football and cable men’s basketball rights are negotiated in 2016.”

The rights to men’s and women’s basketball games still sit with ESPN and ABC, but only through the 2015-2016 season, at which point, Beebe said, the conference will once again have a chance to “elevate our revenue and exposure to a greater degree.”

This deal comes in the wake of the departure of Colorado and Nebraska, two schools leaving for the Pac 10 and Big Ten.

One of the key factors keeping the confer-

ence together during the summer’s realignment talks was the future of its television contract, which paled in comparison to that of the Big Ten’s situation with its own network and deal with ESPN.

Since that time, the conference has announced both this deal and Texas’ own network, in conjunction with ESPN, to get football and basketball games into more households.

“As far as exposure, it’s second to none,” Beebe said.

“We are at a place comparable to any conference in the country. We’re in a very favorable position.”

Daily Staff

Gymnastics

# Freshman pursues passion

*Shealy continues success, represents Iowa State at national competition*

By Dylan.Montz  
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Every child, at some point, discovers a love for something and pursues it. Whether that is something such as music, learning, or sports, kids find something that they have a passion for and want to work hard to perfect.

For ISU freshman Michelle Shealy, her passion from a young age has been gymnastics.

Shealy’s father, Nelson Shealy, had been a gymnast so Michelle always had kind of a natural ability when it came to gymnastics recalled Shealy’s mother, Amy Shealy.

“Her older sister was in gymnastics but more for recreational purposes and Michelle always thought it looked liked fun,” Amy Shealy said.

“She began taking classes at 4 years old and it was always something that was fun for her. She just loved to go.”

As Shealy began learning more skills, her competitiveness became more apparent and by age 7, she had started doing gymnastics for competition.

She would also attend camps held by her club gymnastics organization, Gwinnett Gymnastics Center. It was at one of those camps when Shealy was about 12 years old, that she first met coach Jay Ronayne.

“I was coaching at the camp and I recognized her name and said ‘Oh yeah, she is a junior elite gymnast,’” Ronayne said. “After working with her at the camp I said to myself, I’m going to keep an eye on that kid, she could be a really good gymnast.”

The connection was also bolstered by the fact that Ronayne had coached one of Shealy’s club coaches when he was an assistant at Auburn University.

And for Shealy, the feeling of respect she had for Ronayne was a strong one.

“When [Ronayne] would come back to camps, I was always looking forward to him helping me out because I just liked him so much as a person and a coach so when the recruiting process started, I was really excited to make a trip to Iowa and see what Iowa State had to offer,” Michelle Shealy said.

When Shealy was a junior in high school, she and Ronayne were finally able to have an eligible written correspondence to discuss a visit to Iowa State.

“I told her that I would love to coach her and that we wanted to get her to Iowa to show that Iowa State would be a great place for her,” Ronayne said.

However, Shealy’s mother, Amy was a little skeptical about taking a recruiting visit to Iowa because of the distance from the Shealy’s home in Snellville, Ga.

“Iowa was just so far away to go out and visit and at one point I even thought we could maybe just write it off the list,” Amy Shealy said.

“But we did take a visit to Iowa State and when I met the coaches and saw the campus, I thought that this place is just really nice and I could see now why she was so excited. We just felt really comfortable about it.”

The recruiting process was not quite over for the Shealys yet, because they still had to take visits to SEC schools because of the proximity to home.

They also took visits to the University of Michigan, Ohio State University, and the University of Denver.

Shealy let Ronayne know of her decision to attend Iowa State in December of her junior year and cites that the ‘family atmosphere’ was also one of the bigger things attracting her to Ames.

“I knew Jay beforehand, so that was a major plus but when I got here, I noticed how the whole team worked together and there weren’t any groups or cliques within that. They were all just so unified,” Michelle Shealy said.

Shealy arrived in Ames in the summer of 2010 to begin the summer-bridge program which gives student athletes an opportunity to take classes through Iowa State and also to begin training for their sport.

When Shealy first started training, Ronayne noticed that her bar routine may not be consistent enough for collegiate competition. Her vault and floor routines, Ronayne observed, were very strong and her beam, he said, was outstanding.

Shealy had been a national champion on the balance beam and that continues to be her favorite event.

Shealy listened to the coach’s advice on what she needed to correct with her bar routine and fixed her mistakes very quickly and Ronayne said there was no doubt in his mind that she would be ready for all-around competition when meets began in January.

When the season was finally underway, Shealy found success in competition early on. Throughout the season, she was named Big 12 Newcomer of the Week three times, Big 12 Gymnast of the Week one time, and at Big 12 Championships on March 19, she was named Big 12 Newcomer of the Year.



Michelle Shealy participates in the balance beam during Iowa State vs. Auburn meet Jan. 7 at Hilton Coliseum. File photo: Zhenru Zhang/Iowa State Daily

After competing at the Big 12 Championships, the Cyclones traveled to Ann Arbor, Mich. where Shealy was the only National Championship qualifier from the No. 21 ISU team.

Shealy originally placed fifth in the all-around but after scores of athletes who were on qualifying teams were taken out, she moved up to second place and became the lone qualifier for the Cyclones.

Shealy said that she understands that she is representing Iowa State at Nationals and is sad that her team can’t compete with her, but is still thrilled with the opportunity to compete for her school.

“I was just so excited when I heard that I had made it,” Michelle Shealy said.

“I actually didn’t know until a little while after just because I was a little confused with all of the rules and how you can make it but when I found out, I was just super excited.”

Ronayne said that he could not be more proud of what Shealy has accomplished this year competing for Iowa State and that it is very satisfying to him as a person to see this athlete, who he has known since she was a 12-year-old, meet expectations that she

has set for herself.

Amy Shealy will be traveling to Cleveland, Ohio, on Friday to watch her daughter compete for a National Championship and said she is so proud of all that her daughter has accomplished along with her successes.

“I am amazed but not surprised by her success,” Amy Shealy said. “I know who she is as a person and being successful is what she strives to accomplish.”

Ronayne anticipates an even more prolific season next year from Shealy.

“She is just going to be an even better all-arounder next year,” Ronayne said.

“She has tons of confidence on every event and now has all of the experience to be successful. Now she has to work on consistency and polishing up the little things that will make her a champion. She has a very bright future.”

With three years left for Shealy’s eligibility, her future is looking very bright, indeed, starting with an appearance in the NCAA Championships, which begin Friday.

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## Sports Jargon of the Day: Infield Fly Rule

SPORT:

Baseball

DEFINITION:

When there is a pop-up hit in the infield, the batter is ruled out, removing all force-out opportunities by the infielders.

USE:

The Cyclone infielders lost the chance at the double play when the infield fly rule was called on a pop-up.





Softball

# Cyclones attempt to sweep Drake

*Iowa State prepares for third matchup against Bulldogs*

By Zach Gourley  
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The Cyclone softball team will face in-state rival Drake for the second time in three days Thursday.

Iowa State (18-17, 1-5 Big 12) beat Drake (24-14) on Tuesday in a 10-inning game by a score of 2-1.

"I told the girls it was probably the happiest that I've been after a game because of a lot of different things," said ISU coach Stacy Gemeinhardt-Cesler.

"Just coming off the weekend, I thought they had a great practice Monday and then to come out yesterday and to play well, I think that's a good sign."

Cyclone ace Rachel Zabriskie pitched the entire game, giving up one run on just six hits while striking out

**Iowa State**  
(18-17, 1-5)

vs.

**Drake**  
(24-14)

**Where:** Southwest Athletic Complex  
**When:** 4 p.m. Thursday

eight Bulldog batters.

This will be the third meeting between the Bulldogs and Cyclones this season, after they also met in Tulsa, Okla., at an invitational event in a 3-2 ISU victory.

"They are going to come back a little bit more excited and a little more fired up because it's not fun losing in 10 innings," said Cyclone designated hitter Tori Torrescano. "But I think overall, we are better than them. I think we have better pitching and we normally hit better than we did

[Tuesday]."

The teams were tied 1-1 after seven innings of play Tuesday, followed by two more scoreless extra innings.

In the top of the 10th, Torrescano doubled with one out and eventually scored the winning run on a fielding error by the Drake shortstop.

"Even though we played well, there were times that we didn't execute and I think that anytime that you don't execute perfectly and you still win, that's good to see," Gemeinhardt-Cesler said. "We had less errors and more hits so overall, I'm just really proud of them."

The Cyclones' biggest challenge Thursday might be in figuring out the Bulldog pitching staff of Jenna DeLong, Brynne Dordel and Jordan Gronewold that has held ISU batters to just five runs in two games.

"I think we had a little bit of trouble adjusting to their first pitcher [Dordel] at the beginning of the game but Rachel did a great job pitching," Torrescano said. "She kept us in the



Infielder Tori Torrescano gets ready to hit a ball during the Iowa State - Minnesota game April 7 at the Southwest Athletic Complex. File photo: Jake Lovett/Iowa State Daily

game when a lot of people were struggling hitting at first."

The Cyclones will try to complete the season sweep of the Bulldogs on at 4 p.m. Thursday in Ames at the Southwest Athletic Complex.

"We're just a more complete, better team than they are so I think we can do it three times," Torrescano said.

Tennis

# Staying focused on matches through VEISHEA

*Celebrations, weather create new distractions*

By Clint Cole  
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The ISU tennis team will be playing its final home matches of the season this weekend.

The Cyclones (10-12, 1-7 Big 12) will play Texas A&M on Friday, and No. 25 Texas on Saturday.

This weekend's matches come at the height of the VEISHEA festivities on campus.

Coach Armando Espinosa said some distractions this week are going to be inevitable.

"They're student athletes," Espinosa said.

"They're going to be distracted by either exams or whatever social events are going on."

Espinosa believes his team will be responsible this week and take care of business on the court, in practice and at the meets this weekend, despite VEISHEA week.

"Hopefully we're recruiting kids that are responsible enough to know that they have two matches coming up and that they can't do all the festivities," Espinosa said.

Senior Erin Karonis has never been in town for

any of the VEISHEA festivities in her time as an ISU tennis player.

"I don't even know what [VEISHEA] like," Karonis said.

"It's easier to focus when you don't really know how fun it is or what happens. We're just happy to be at home rather than on the road."

Karonis, like Espinosa, has faith that her team will stay focused on tennis this weekend.

"He's [Espinosa] never talked about it because we know it's expected of us and we just wouldn't dare think about it," Karonis said.

Along with VEISHEA celebrations, the team now has to think about possibly moving inside this weekend with a chance of cold weather and snow.

"It's always easier to go indoors from an outdoor perspective because you're getting into perfect conditions, rather than going from indoor to outdoor, when you get into the sun and other dimensions,"



Espinosa




Karonis

**Iowa State**  
(10-12, 1-7)


vs.

**Texas A&M**  
(11-6, 4-3)

**Where:** Forker tennis courts  
**When:** 2 p.m. Friday

**Iowa State**  
(10-12, 1-7)

vs.

**Texas**  
(12-6, 7-2)

**Where:** Forker tennis courts  
**When:** 2:30 p.m. Saturday

Espinosa said.

Last weekend, the Aggies (11-6, 4-3) lost to No. 22 Oklahoma and followed up with a victory over Oklahoma State.

The Aggies defeated the Cyclones in College Station last season by a score of 6-1.

The Longhorns (12-6, 7-2) are coming off two victories last weekend against Oklahoma State, and No. 22



Erin Karonis takes a swing during the Iowa State vs. Kansas State match April 3 at the Forker Tennis Courts. Photo: Yi Yuan/Iowa State Daily

Oklahoma.

The Cyclones suffered a 7-0 loss to the Longhorns last year in Austin.

The Cyclones will play Texas A&M at 2 p.m. Friday.

The final home meet of the season will be at 2:30 p.m. Saturday against Texas.

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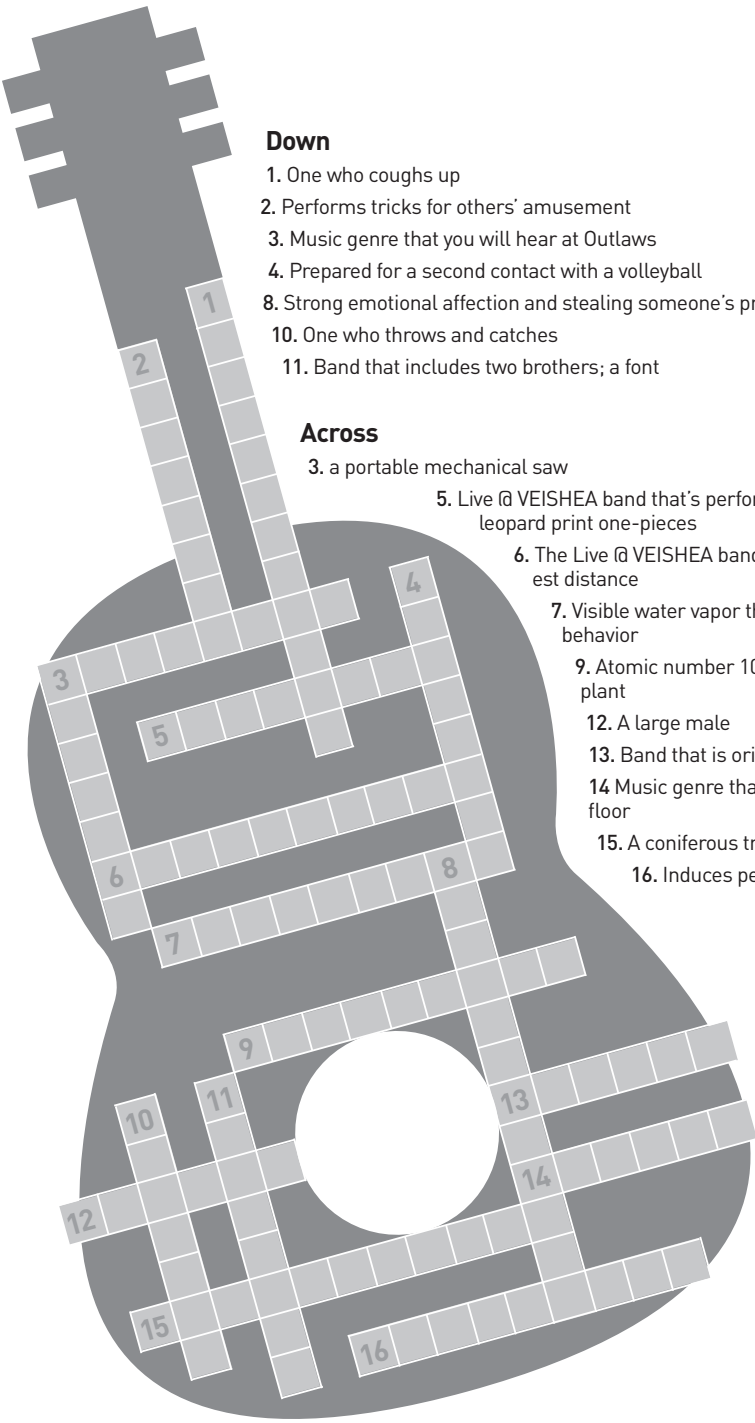


# Get your VEISHEA games

Here are a couple puzzles to test your knowledge of this year's VEISHEA entertainers and events. The crossword is mostly — but not completely — the Live @ VEISHEA bands.

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| Androids Dungeon    | Donald Glover   | Shaun Billz        |
| Carnival            | Nuclear Rodeo   | Who Wants to Know  |
| Live at VEISHEA     | tournaments     | Campustown         |
| Stevie Starr        | breakdancers    | Josh Mellman       |
| Battle of the Bands | Harambee        | Showoff Show       |
| cherry pie          | parade          | canoe race         |
| Nike Pike           | VEISHEA Village | Lightspeed         |
| Taste of VEISHEA    | Brian Imbus     | Stars Over VEISHEA |
| Bombardier          | Jeff Klatt      |                    |



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## Battle of the Bands takes acts to M-shop

By Dylan Boyle  
Ames247 writer

The VEISHEA Battle of the Bands saw a format change for this year's festival, but still features a diverse lineup of acts from alternative rock to hip hop and indie singer-songwriter artists.

In previous years, the Battle of the Bands has been Friday night at the main outdoor stage with one national act headlining. Bands were selected to perform Friday from entries, with about 10 other bands each competing for the last two remaining spots during Friday night's performance in two "wild card" rounds, held Wednesday and Thursday at the Maintenance Shop.

This year, the VEISHEA Committee abandoned that format, leaving the "wild card" rounds behind and hosting the event on Thursday at the Maintenance Shop with seven bands performing.

Andrew Lopez, organizer for the event and junior in communication studies, said the committee decided to have it as one night to allow for more prominent national bands to perform with a second night of Live @ VEISHEA. He also said the committee wanted to get away from having a battle mentality and make it more of a showcase with mainly local artists and more of a friendly community feel.

The showcase still comes with a prize of

\$100 and Pinnacle Records will donate time to produce a three-song demo for free.

### Who Wants to Know - alternative rock

Formed by four friends in Pi Kappa Phi, Who Wants to Know brings a upbeat and guitar driven alternative rock sound to the showcase on Thursday.

Alex Erwin, guitarist and vocalist for the group, said he and bassist Chad Lewis, guitarist Kyle Enke and drummer Nick Boeyink, met while in the fraternity and became good friends and have been playing music together for more than a year.

Last fall, the band won the Homecoming battle of the bands. Since then, Erwin said the band has had a lineup change and changed their sound slightly to more of a Taking Back Sunday feel.

### Lightspeed - psychedelic and soul

Steven Fisk's project Lightspeed encompasses many styles and crosses various genres to create often psychedelic tunes and with a different sound each song.

Fisk, the sole member of the group, has been playing music for nine years and has recorded one full length album, two EPs and compilation recordings he releases on MySpace. Fisk said he is very inspired by 1960s artists such as



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The Beatles and his songs come out of whatever pops into his head that he then tries to manifest through music.

"The biggest thing is that it's all different," he said. "There's a different genre for each song and

something for everyone." Originally from Pella, Fisk said he eventually would like to have a backing band play with him, but for now, he plays just solo shows since he travels around the Midwest so much. Fisk has played several times in Ames, both at the Ames Progressive and The Maintenance Shop.

### Android's Dungeon - pop punk

This will be the second appearance Android's Dungeon has made at the VEISHEA Battle of the Bands, with its first appearance last year being the band's first show.

"The band was invented solely for VEISHEA," said Justan Spaid, guitarist for the band.

Spaid said VEISHEA has always been one of his favorite events and after deciding he could probably write pop-punk songs, he get some friends from Salt Company together and formed the band named after the comic book store in "The Simpsons."

After good reactions last year, Spaid said the group has remained together and played a few shows to practice for this year's battle. Getting everyone together is sometimes difficult, since Spaid transferred with other students to the University of Iowa to start a Salt Company there, where he is the music director.

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## 3 Days

### Thursday VEISHEA Battle of the Bands

- Maintenance Shop, Memorial Union
- 7 p.m.
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### Brian Imbus, hypnotist

- Great Hall, Memorial Union
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- Free
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### Saturday VEISHEA Parade

- Campus
- 10:30 a.m.
- Free

### Live @ VEISHEA

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- Fisher Theater
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### Donald Glover and Childish Gambino

- Stephens Auditorium
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- Free

### Central Campus entertainment

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- Free
- Magician Joel Meyers, 61Syx Technique Breakdancers and juggler Nick Pike.

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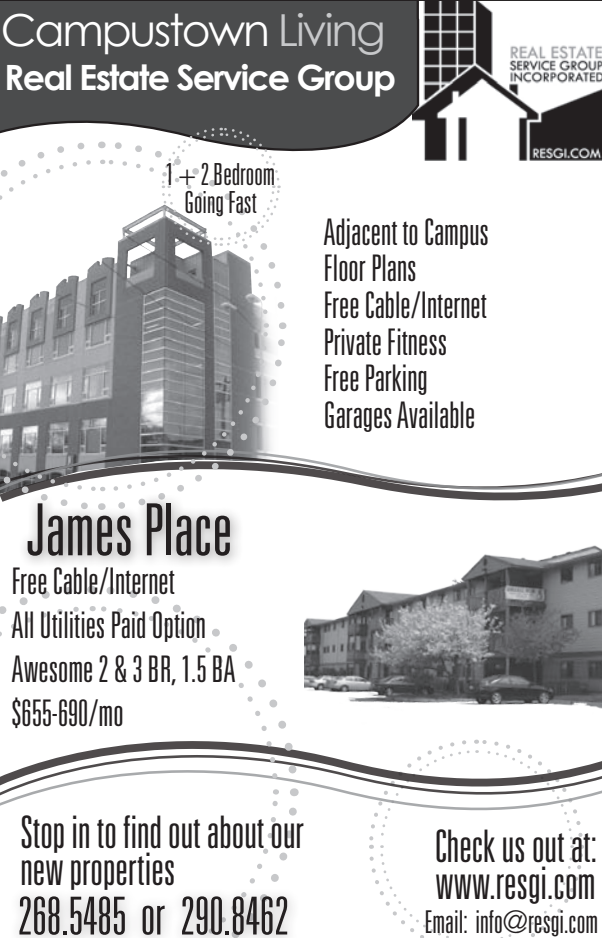
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